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Taking steps to the future

Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 3 student Hannah Patterson crosses County Road 1 from her home to her school bus for the first day of school on Tuesday Sept. 7 in Lochlin. Close to two million students headed back to school this week except for virtual learners. /DARREN LUM Staff

Businesses prepare for vaccine passport

by KATRINA BOGUSKI
Editor

On Sept. 1, the provincial government announced that people will need to provide proof of being vaccinated fully and

will need to produce ID in order to participate in many public events and to enter many businesses. The purpose of these measures is to control the spread of COVID-19, especially its most transmissible variants. This next step in the pandemic plan will also put pressure on those

members of the public who are eligible to be vaccinated, but have chosen not to receive the vaccine yet. A lot of people have been taking advantage of pop-up vaccine clinics in anticipation of the new regulations.

Many local businesses will be impacted

by the need to comply with regulations related to the vaccine certificate and verification app.

The *Minden Times* reached out to the local Chamber of Commerce to find out how this announcement might impact

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Marathon of Hope legacy pushes forward virtually

by GRACE OBORNE
Times Staff

Terry Fox always had hopes that his efforts would continue to be carried out by the world after he left. Without fail, the annual Terry Fox run has continued to this day, beginning in 1981. During pandemic times, it has been a challenge for individuals to come together to run for cancer research or to even donate.

With the utmost motivation and drive, the Minden community refuses to allow COVID-19 to stand in their way of giving back. Last year's Terry Fox run was held virtually. This year the virtual plan remains the same.

On Sunday, Sept. 19, Canadians are still encouraged to support or participate in the 41st annual Terry Fox Run for cancer research with family and friends in their neighbourhoods.

Before the pandemic, Terry Fox Run participants would gather at the community centre early in the morning to register while a physical trainer would lead a warm-up. After registration, they would walk, run, bike and in-line skate on Deep Bay Road. Along the way, snacks and water would be available for those who needed them.

"Committee members would be clapping their hands to welcome the runners back to the community centre and there would be a band as well. There was a food booth for hot dogs and drinks, and people gave donations. We found that we raised more money from donations rather than if we had charged them," said current organizer of Minden Terry Fox, Barb Millington.

To raise more money for cancer research, the Minden Terry Fox committee also set up a silent auction for several years where there would be up to five tables of items that people had donated.

"Over the years, Minden has raised almost \$330,000, which is really quite a lot for a town our size. There are just a lot of pretty devoted people who do this every year. They bring out their families for the run and give it their all," Millington said.

"With COVID, last year and this year we can't do any of that. So people like me and like my neighbours are collecting sponsors from friends and family and will do something together in a small group. It doesn't have to be on the Sunday [Sept. 19], but a lot of people will go out on that Sunday," she added.

The virtual 'Terry Fox Run. One Day. Your Way,' is the continuing theme through the virtual runs. It symbolizes the creativity all should have when taking part in this year's virtual Terry Fox Run.



Former chairwoman of Minden Terry Fox, Diane Peacock is pictured with her husband Perry and their daughter Caitlin at their virtual Terry Fox run last year. Their team is in honour of Kyle Miller who passed in 2013. Diane Peacock and her family met Kyle through the Terry Fox foundation in 2010. The number 35 was Kyle's number when he played on Team Canada in the World Field Lacrosse Championship in 2006 in London Ontario. /Photo Submitted

"One day is the day of Sept. 19, although it doesn't have to be that day. Your way, means it's not the way that it used to be, now people can participate however they want, whenever they want, and with whom-ever they want, as long as it's not too large of a group due to pandemic restrictions," said Millington.

Former Minden Terry Fox committee organizer, Diane Peacock, has always been a devoted participant, even after her resignation of committee chairwoman.

Last year, Peacock and her husband, Perry, and daughter, Caitlin, walked the Minden Riverwalk. This year, they're hoping to camp just south of Orillia for the weekend and participate in a walk there.

"We have our own fundraising page with the foundation online. We've received a couple of donations. We usually have people that normally go around to collect donations every year, but last year, I did it because of the pandemic restrictions. This will be my family's 21st year with the Terry Fox Run

and for 13 of those years I was organizer," said Peacock.

This will be the ninth year that the Peacock family runs in memory of a young man named Kyle Miller whom they met through the Terry Fox Foundation in 2010. They have created their team in honour of him as he was diagnosed with the same cancer as Terry Fox and passed in 2013.

"It's important to raise money for cancer research. There are so many different charities out there that specifically target a certain cancer, but the Terry Fox Research Institute and the Terry Fox Foundation, they fund all research into all cancers," said Peacock.

"Ultimately, it's also important to the people themselves, because it's a tradition for a lot of these people. They do it every year. Some people don't even live in Minden, but they are up here at their cottage and will come out. It's a family affair for a lot of people. It's a generational thing too. There are families that have two or three generations that run together each year," added Millington.

Canadians all over the world remember Terry Fox for this admirable strength and bravery.

"Terry is a Canadian hero. It was such an amazing thing that he did to run all that way, every day, with a prosthetic leg. He did it to help other people because when he was in the hospital, he saw other kids and adults with cancer and he just wanted to do something to help them," Millington said.

Fox ran close to 42 kilometres a day for 143 days, making his way from Newfoundland to Ontario before he was forced to stop in Thunder Bay when cancer had appeared in his lungs. He died on June 28, 1981 at the age of 22. He was unable to complete his goal to run across Canada, but still finished with 5,373 kilometres, and his Marathon of Hope continues in his name around the world.

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— DIANE PEACOCK

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The Minden Terry Fox committee is hopeful that many will donate and participate in this year's run. Although it will be virtual, they're also hopeful that the run will take place in person next year. The committee is already looking for volunteers and a new chairman for next year.

To donate to the Foundation, go to www.terryfox.org and click the bright red square in the top right corner. You will need to enter Minden as the location and continue to donate from there.

For more information on volunteering, or becoming the next committee chairman, contact Millington through email at povertyhill1175@interhop.net or call at 705-286-4914.



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Chamber committed to preventing another lockdown

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local businesses.

In commenting on the rationale behind the new system, Amanda Conn, executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce noted, "A well-designed vaccine passport system can help prevent another province-wide lockdown, which would be devastating for our local businesses and local economy. Local organizations will again need to navigate the implementation of a new policy. Still, as we have seen throughout the COVID-19 crisis, our local businesses care deeply about our community as a whole and will find ways to navigate yet another new policy to keep our community safe and successful."

There are still several details about how the system of vaccine verification will roll out, and some of those unknown factors could have serious implications for small businesses. Conn said, "There remains an opportunity for the government to provide further guidance to the province's business community, particularly around workplace vaccination policies for employees. We are concerned that a lack of clear guidance will disproportionately impact small businesses and lead to a patchwork of inconsistent policies across the province."

It is unknown when the further details on the specifics of the verification system will be finalized. To aid businesses who are waiting, Conn advises "In the absence of guidance for workplace vaccination policies, The Chamber Network recommends organizations refer to the Ontario Chamber of Commerce's *Vax-Pass Tenets*, a proof-of-vaccination framework to support reopening plans for Ontario private sector businesses, developed by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce in consultation with McCarthy Tétrault."

Once more details are available, the Chamber Network plans to get up to speed on the specifics and will be working with the government to ensure local businesses are able to implement the new system as smoothly as possible.

Conn noted that rapid screening kits; ongoing advocacy for clearer guidance on these policies and curated information about Proof-of-Vaccination certificates are among the many things businesses can access. Conn said, "We are currently working with the Chamber Network to ensure businesses across Ontario will have the tools they need to implement with the help of The Chamber."

She added, "The Chamber Network is committed to helping prevent another province-wide lockdown, which would be devastating for businesses and the economy."

There are some circumstances that could have made rolling out the vaccine passport more challenging for small rural communities. One of these challenges includes availability or reliable internet service in some areas. Conn said, "As we know internet connectivity is an ongoing challenge for much of our County. We are encouraged to hear that while planning the new certificate system, lack of internet connectivity was considered and addressed."

Restaurants, meeting spaces and gyms are among the businesses that will be impacted especially by these new regulations.

The *Minden Times* contacted Heather Seabrooke to find out her reaction to the new regulations. Seabrooke is the co-owner of Step of Grace Conditioning Studio in Haliburton. She said, "We are fortunate and lucky in this small town. Being a personal training studio over a regular gym helps us a lot. Many of our clients are long standing and all are already vaccinated." Although there may be the loss of some potential new business, the studio is in a relatively good spot to deal with these recent changes. She said, "...thankfully we have a solid base of wonderful clients." The new regulations will go into effect Sept. 22. A press release from the Office of the Premier explained which businesses will require proof of vaccination. These include: restaurants and bars (excluding outdoor patios, as well as delivery and takeout); meeting and event spaces, such as banquet halls and conference/convention centres; facilities used for sports and fitness activities

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A well-designed vaccine passport system can help prevent another province-wide lockdown, which would be devastating for our local businesses and local economy.

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and personal fitness training, such as gyms, fitness and recreational facilities with the exception of youth recreational sport; concerts, music festivals, theatres, cinemas and several other venues. These requirements would not apply to outdoor settings where the risk of transmission is low.

While the need to respond to this latest requirement could prove challenging for some businesses, there is a potential bright side to the situation which may benefit some local companies, Conn said. "According to the TD Bank – Provinces with a vaccine passport system in place will also experience higher economic growth, greater consumer and business confidence, and reduced risk of further lockdowns compared to those without a domestic passport system. Our local community and economy could benefit from this growth, greater confidence, and reduced risk."

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The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

September 9 – Regular Council Meeting
September 30 – Regular Council Meeting 9:30 AM

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If you have a fire in the microwave, leave the door closed, turn the oven off and unplug it from the wall. If the fire does not go out, get outside and call the fire department.

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Minden Pride and Rainbow Railroad focus on Afghanistan

by GRACE OBORNE
Times Staff

Minden Pride is playing a significant role outside of August Pride Week by looking for opportunities where action can be taken to help LGBTQI+ individuals.

With the recent events that are taking

place in Afghanistan, the Minden community has growing concerns for their fellow queer community members.

In late August, Minden Pride announced their launch with global organization, Rainbow Railroad, of a campaign to raise funds towards helping a LGBTQI+ person escape state-sponsored violence.

Minden Pride is a locally, volunteer-driv-

en, non-profit committee that operates as a part of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative. Local residents and business owners provide opportunities for LGBTQ2+ people to celebrate their diversity in a safe community.

Rainbow Railroad is a global not-for-profit organization that helps vulnerable LGBTQI2+ people who face persecution based on their sexual orientation and gender identity. Rainbow Railroad is a registered Canadian charity that is dedicated to finding individuals safety through emergency relocation and other forms of assistance.

The funds from this campaign will go towards Rainbow Railroad's emergency response efforts in Afghanistan, which includes the hopeful evacuation of LGBTQI+ individuals.

"Minden Pride wanted to do this fundraiser themselves to help raise money for Rainbow Railroad's mission, given everything that has been going on. This is entirely an initiative led by Minden Pride which we are supporting," said Dane Bland, Rainbow Railroad's Director of Philanthropy.

"When it comes to organizing, planning, and executing it, all of this is being driven by Minden, under what we call a third party fundraiser. They're the third party, fundraising on our behalf. We are unbelievably grateful that there are people in the community who do this for us. It's all them," he added.

Minden Pride and Rainbow Railroad hope to raise their goal of \$10,000.

"The money will go to one of two things. It will either help us evacuate Afghans in need or alternatively, that money could also provide important critical, and potentially

lifesaving, on the ground support to Afghans who are unable to escape. So \$10,000 goes a very long way in making that happen," said Bland.

In an interview with chairperson of Minden Pride, Allan Guinan, he expressed his pleasant surprise with the response from the community.

"This is the cost to bring the person escaping from state-sponsored violence out of country. From our goal, we've already raised about \$4,800 and we just started the campaign yesterday," said Guinan.

"It's only our second day and we've reached almost half of our goal already, I think people are very excited about this opportunity," he added.

We've seen a lot of interest in people from the Minden community. People really seem to want to get involved and help, even if people aren't able to necessarily make a donation. We understand it's difficult times and not everyone's able to contribute financially, but for those who haven't been able to do that, they have taken a moment to learn about the problem and educate themselves on this important issue and that's pretty cool in it of itself," said Bland.

Rainbow Railroad is working with government partners, stakeholders, and activists in the region to identify as many vulnerable LGBTQI+ Afghans as possible with a determined goal to get them on a priority list for evacuation.

"That is our involvement at the moment. Rainbow railroad is specifically focusing on those Afghans who are brave enough to identify themselves as LGBTQI+, which in

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Preparing for potential play

Red Hawks senior Ava Smith moves a ball during a pre-season training camp drill on Wednesday, Sept. 1 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. There still isn't a field hockey season to play, but players came together to be ready for a season, if that is announced./DARREN LUM Staff

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Minden residents jump in to support Afghans

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a country like Afghanistan actually takes an unbelievable amount of bravery. Basically, the way it's working is we're providing lists of vulnerable to various governments and to other important stakeholders in the area that identify LGBTQI+ Afghans in need," said Bland.

"At this stage in the international effort, it's more about getting people out. There are hundreds and thousands of people who have been evacuated from Afghanistan, and ultimately they're going to have to determine where all these people go afterwards," he added.

It goes without notice that a local organization such as Minden Pride is taking action in a global issue. Rainbow Railroad is impressed by local efforts and locals are thrilled to jump in when needed.

"It's a really amazing story of Minden getting involved in a global issue and supporting global queer rights. That, to me, is the really exciting part of the story. That this is local organizers who have taken notice of a global issue and have tried to get involved by helping us raise some money," said Bland.

"I think what Minden Pride is trying to do is have everyone recognize and see us as more than just a one week series of events. We actually have a more important role to play. Not only in this community, but kind of

in the global community. It's terrific. It also shows the maturity of Minden Pride now having been around for six years. We're really starting to get involved in more," added Guinan.

Guinan and Bland continue to express the urgency and importance of this matter. The hopes are that people's efforts will help respond to the crisis.

"The reality is that there are still over 70 countries that have had homosexuality laws. In Canada, we are blessed with a very open system of government, whereas [in Afghanistan] homosexuality is criminalized under law, and offenders can face imprisonment, even torture or death. From our perspective, I think it's important to take the good fortune that we have in Canada and help other people in other countries," said Guinan.

"Ultimately, I want to express my gratitude to the Minden Pride organizers for taking this on.

I think it's really important. They're helping us raise necessary funds to respond to the crisis. Our involvement in that crisis needs to continue to evolve," said Bland.

To donate to Rainbow Railroad, visit donate.rainbowrailroad.org/team/374209. For more information visit Minden Pride's website www.mindenpride.ca and Rainbow Railroad's website www.rainbowrailroad.org.



Waving summer goodbye

Minden Hills resident Leah Thomas, who holds her one-and-a-half year-old daughter Charlotte Patterson, waves goodbye from her driveway to departing daughter Hannah Patterson during the first day of school on Tuesday Sept. 7 in Lochlin. Close to two million students headed back to school this week. / DARREN LUM Staff



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Try to remember the kind of September

AS THE WORLD cranks up again, and many families begin to enter routines and schedules that are more hectic than they have been for a while, it might be a good idea to put some things in perspective.

Before complaining about the pace of life, remember that it was just a few short weeks ago that most of us were begging for more activity in our lives. We were longing for social connection and the ability to meet again in public. Now that we have more chances to connect with each other, being grateful for those opportunities will serve everyone much better than will complaining about them.

Learn to say no. When things ramp up, it can be tempting to say yes to every opportunity available. Every club, every

service group, every sports team, every social event needs people to participate, but we do not have to be the ones who sign up for everything ourselves. Prioritizing our commitments based on the values we want to cultivate in our lives is important. Ask, "Does this commitment align with my values?" If it does not, saying no to it might be your best option.

Build some quiet time into your schedule, and protect it as you would any other commitment written in your agenda. For agreeable people, protecting their own time can be a difficult thing to do. However, not scheduling time to recharge your batteries or to cultivate your own interests can

leave you feeling drained and dull. It would be better for everyone if you showed up refreshed and fully charged than if you dragged yourself around from one commitment to the next.

Protecting your health will be easier to do if you are well-rested and your immune system is fully charged. You might have enough energy stored up to go full throttle for a few weeks at the beginning of the fall, but if you are worn out by the time cold and flu season rolls around, then that could spell

disaster. If you say yes to everything, you may find yourself flat on your back and out of commission for a few weeks. Saying no to things that will drain you means that you are more likely to stay healthy and active for the long run.

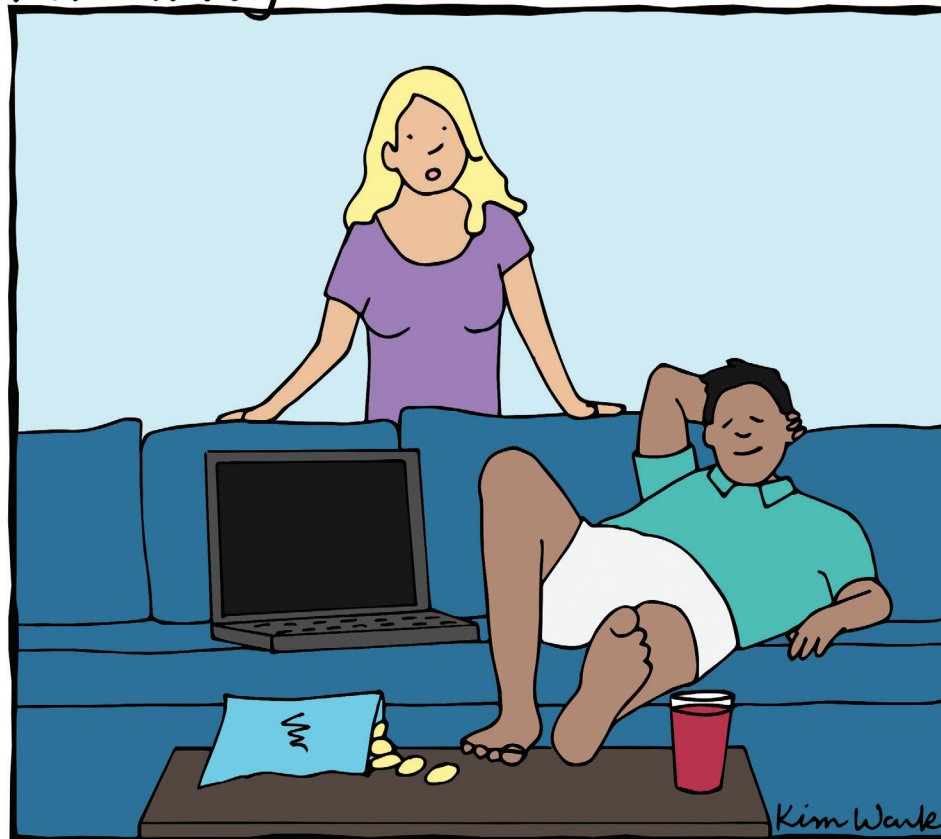


KATRINA BOGUSKI
Editor

Remember that some programs may have a later start than normal this year. If you overbook at the beginning of the month, you may not have time in your schedule to include those other activities that you have been looking forward to for so long.

A Tom Jones song from 1960 has the lyrics "Try to remember the kind of September, when life was slow and oh, so mellow." If you are dreading the busyness that tends to come with this time of year, that is a good indication that you are already overcommitting and overbooking. How do you want to remember this September? If you want to remember it as a mellow time where you eased back into life, then plan your schedule accordingly.

Kwarky



"I can't tell if you're 'at work' or 'at home.'"

The wrong stuff

IF YOU HANG around with anglers and hunters, you will eventually notice that we have plenty of ways to commemorate the fish and game we have taken. Most of the time, it is with a simple camera and a few photos.

But there are also special specimens that call for taxidermy. This includes North American mounts of heads or full bodies, or perhaps European mounts of cleaned and polished skulls and antlers mounted tastefully on a beautifully wooden plaque. Bird hunters are often fond of hanging fanned tails from turkey and grouse on their walls too.

In most cases, all these things are relegated to a room that you call "the trophy room" which, depending on your spouse could also be called the shed, workshop, far room in the basement or garage.

What interests me most, at least from a psychological perspective, is the truly unusual taxidermy.

For instance, some people really like chandeliers, lamps and coffee tables made of deer antlers, moose hoof ash trays, and even fish diorama coffee tables.

But the most unusual and astounding taxidermy to me is the deer butt doorbell cover. For this is in a category all on its own. It is the only taxidermy that is interactive.

In case you have never had the privilege of seeing one, it is a deer butt mounted on the wall outside a front door and, when the tail is lifted, the doorbell button is revealed – which I suppose is better than the alternative.

Truth be told, I have never actually encountered one. I have only seen digital photos, oddly appropriate, now that I think of it.

Still, of all the taxidermy and trophy op-

tions, I think this one actually tells you the most about the person.

For instance, you immediately know that the man who has mounted this is either a bachelor, a soon-to-be bachelor, or someone who's spouse has left on a prolonged vacation.

I'll go out on a limb here and say, though I know plenty of female hunters who enjoy taxidermy, I don't believe any of them would go this route.

Once you've seen one of these, you can safely predict that the owner is not the man you should get your decorating advice from. Or any advice, for that matter.

Also, if you have this doorbell set up on your front step, the odds are good that your house, or any house within sight, isn't going to sell any time soon.

On the plus side, you have to also give this person credit; he has figured out how to deter door-to-door salespeople and possibly politicians who want to visit during election campaigns.

Call me crazy, but I'd like to know the thought process that leads to the sentence, "I know just what this house needs to spruce it up a bit! A deer butt doorbell cover ..."

It's always deer, by the way. I'm guessing a bear, elk or moose butt would be way too tacky. I'd also like to know if the taxidermists do the wiring on these things – because, if so, they don't get paid nearly enough.

Lastly, I can't help but think, somewhere out there is a fellow who can honestly, put on his resume, "Inventor of the deer butt doorbell cover!"

Someone once told me the name of the person they thought it was. But, you know, it didn't ring a bell.



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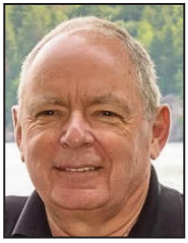
Columns and Letters to the Editor

Mosquitoes and climate change

THE STORMS of a globally warming summer have passed and hopefully we can settle into a more relaxed autumn of stable weather patterns, blue skies and gentle breezes.

It's been a crazy weather year. It was an early spring with little runoff, then a long dry spell that could have qualified as a drought. Garden soil was powder dry and there was much anxiety about forest fires.

Then came the rain, 16 days of it in June in Haliburton County, another 16 in July and an almost daily shower in August. Interspersed in the rain were days of high heat and suffocating humidity.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

We got off easy. Other parts of the world, the United States in particular, suffered unprecedented damaging events caused by extreme weather - wild-fires, storms that caused massive flooding and winds that tore apart communities.

Damaging weather events no longer are few and far between. In 2020 in the U.S. there were 22 billion dollar extreme weather events.

From 1980 to 2020 the annual average of extreme weather events totalled 7.1. The average for the past five years (2016-2020) was 16.2 extreme weather events per year.

A *Washington Post* analysis of federal disaster declarations shows that almost one-third of Americans live in a county hit by a weather disaster just in the past three months. And, almost 400 Americans have died in hurricanes, floods, heat waves and wildfires just since June.

Weather analysts say this is only the beginning of changing weather patterns and extreme weather events as global warming intensifies.

Canada has not been as severely affected, yet. However, global warming is heating the north and bringing new risks. Black-legged ticks, which carry serious Lyme disease, have been reported just north of Orillia and are continuing their northward march as our climate becomes warmer.

In 2009 only 144 cases of Lyme disease were reported across Canada. In 2019, the number of confirmed and suspected cases totalled 2,636.

A warming climate also is making new homes for a variety of mosquitoes. The Asian tiger mosquito is believed to be established now in the Windsor area. That mosquito is known to carry chikungunya and dengue and other viruses that we have never had to worry about before.

Some research indicates that climate change will bring the risk of malaria to millions of people, including Canadians, who seldom had to be concerned about it.

"The one thing we do know is slowly the distribution of mosquitoes is changing," Robbin Lindsay, a research scientist with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) told Global News two years ago. "And we do see events and we see species here that we haven't seen before."

At the same time, the environmental magazine *Yale Environment 360* reported that by 2050 climate change will expose one-half of the world's population to disease spreading mosquitoes.

Climate change brings warmer weather that brings earlier springs that allow mosquito eggs to mature faster. It also brings more flooding which means more water in which the bugs can multiply.

Many experts say, however, that the main focus now should not be mosquitoes, but controlling global warming itself. Slowing climate change will slow mosquito population growth, and transmission of the viruses they carry.

Some people are finding advantages in our warming climate. Some companies are considering introducing afternoon siestas into their workplaces because climate change is increasing summer temperatures.

The National Trust, a British charity, is giving workers and volunteers Mediterranean-type working hours in southern England because of increasingly hot summers.

"It's fair to say that as we experience more extreme temperatures, we will be looking to offer Mediterranean working hours, especially in the east which is likely to experience more frequent higher temperatures to ensure the health and safety of our staff and volunteers," said a spokesman for the charity.

Mediterranean hours already are being offered at one National Trust property south of London, where the afternoon temperature went above 40 Celsius for the first time ever.

Meanwhile, more mosquito-borne disease and more Mediterranean working hours are serious signs that we all have to get together, believe that climate change is seriously real and do our part to help control it.

letters to the editor

Help keep Terry's legacy alive

Dear Terry Fox supporters,

The official Terry Fox Run will be Sunday, Sept. 19. It will be virtual again this year, due to the continuing COVID threat. The theme, as it was last year, is One Day Your Way, encouraging people to plan a personal event to help

keep Terry's legacy alive. Cancer is not taking a break during this pandemic, so if you can possibly make a donation please go to terryfox.org and give generously.

Many Thanks,
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Ritchie Falls offers respite from the busy world. /DARREN LUM Staff

HCPL's DVD of the Month - September



A film adaptation of the popular action role-playing video game series of the same name, *Monster Hunter* takes us to another world: a world of dangerous and powerful monsters that rule their domain with deadly ferocity, and where the humans who live there must learn to co-exist ... or die.

During a routine rescue operation, an unexpected sandstorm transports Captain Artemis and her unit of soldiers to this frightening new world, where they are shocked to discover that this hostile environment is home to enormous and terrifying monsters immune to their firepower. In their desperate battle for survival, the unit encounters the mysterious Hunter, whose unique skills allow him to stay one-step ahead of these powerful creatures. Grappled by danger, the team must band together and use their joined abilities to escape, and to face a danger so great it could threaten to destroy their world.



Huskies hope for jump in progress

The Haliburton County Huskies junior A hockey player, player, Kolby Poulin spots his landing during the team's fitness test day on Saturday, Sept. 6 at Haliburton Secondary School in Haliburton. The outdoor fitness test was led by local trainer and HHSS alumnus Owen Flood, who operates A.P.E. Training and is the Huskies' strength coach.



The Haliburton County Huskies junior A hockey player Ryan Hall, who is a Highlands resident, bench presses during the team's fitness test day. This was the second evaluation since they held their initial one in July. Coaches were looking for improvements in areas of strength, speed and endurance with lifting, jumping, running and pulling tests.

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Inductee wants to inspire next generation

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame inductee Taly Williams may be the first pro football player to come from here, but it's his achievements in applied science and environmental engineering that has truly changed lives.

Williams, who is the co-founder and managing partner at AQORA Capital, an investment firm in Los Angeles focused on water infrastructure, technology and services, is among the first group of inductees for the Hall of Fame. He joins fellow athletes Michael Bradley, Glen Dart, Cody Hodgson, Donald Beverley "Joe" Iles, Marla MacNaull, Bernie Nicholls, Ron Stackhouse, Lesley Tashlin, Anna Tomlinson, and Jake Walker while Linda Brandon, Albert John "Ab" LaRue and Lenny Salvatori are going in as builders. There was an induction ceremony planned for later this year, but that has been postponed until next year because of concerns related to COVID-19.

Williams learned he was being inducted earlier this year around the time the JDHES student effort to have him and his sister be added to the athletes' mural wall on the side of the A.J. LaRue Arena was at its height.

He appreciated being recognized with the induction.

"It's great to be in the Haliburton [Highlands] Hall of Fame. Haliburton is obviously a phenomenal hockey town and includes athletes from here that made it to the highest level in other sports too. The announcement did come during the whole mural discussion so it kind of overshadowed it



Taly Williams is an environmental engineer, who is respected for resolving drinking water challenges. Being at the forefront of innovation related to water treatment plants, like this one he helped design for the City of Santa Monica, Williams hopes his story of coming from a small town with very little will inspire other young people to be their best. /Photo submitted by Taly Williams

a bit for me, but I'm still very happy to be inducted. I don't think I ever looked back at my career until this year when the mural discussion came up and a comment came up during council whether or not who deserved that. So it was an opportunity to go back and take a look at and say, 'What are my accomplishments?'"

His achievements include holding two high school track records that still stand today, being the first Highlands athlete to play pro football, which he did with the Hamilton Tiger Cats and the Toronto Argonauts from

1994 to 1996, graduating from Waterloo University with a degree in applied science/civil engineer and environmental engineering in 1994, awarded patents and trademarks, designing and overseeing the construction of the first drinking water plant in US history to comply with the U.S. Government's public health requirements to remediate the toxic gasoline additive, MTBE, including using his applied science background to invent a golfing training aid, the Taly Mind Set.

When Williams was a youth he moved from the area to live in Toronto for several

years following a divorce. Near the end of his high school career, he returned to the area and would graduate with the second highest overall average from the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. It was an achievement he still holds high on his list of achievements for what it was and for how it countered the stereotype that Blacks are not intelligent.

HHSS was where he not only first played football, but was where his teachers inspired, his coaches motivated, his peers spurred him on to his academic best, but it also set him up for professional success.

High school coaches called Williams a gifted athlete. He still holds a record in the high jump of 1.90 metres and triple jump of 13.10 metres. These are records that still stand after more than three decades.

His high academic average helped him earn entry to the well-regarded engineering program at Waterloo University.

Williams said even though his degree was in civil engineering, it was his optional area of study in environmental engineering that led him down a path for his success and to what he currently does.

"One thing I wanted as an engineer was I did not want to just go and redo what everybody else had done. Environmental engineering ... there's always something new going in the environment and some new contaminant out there that's destroying water or something. That's why I got into environmental engineering. You got an opportunity to come up with new things," he said.

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“That’s actually why I went over to Los Angeles. I had an idea and I worked with another engineering firm over there and we pilot-tested and came up with a new type of treatment and were able to get it permitted,” he said.

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“We ran it for a number of years and showed, hey, it’s reliable and its effective and we’re able to get their water back. At the same time, my job turned into more of a litigation support because of the big lawsuit against the oil companies for actually contaminating the water, so I ended up being the lead technical expert, as part of my role, which is something I do a lot of now,” he said.

Now he is often called on as an expert and is currently still involved with lawsuits related to MTBE contamination of water sources in New Jersey, Pennsylvannia, Puerto Rico. His expertise in water remediation is recognized around the world.

There is a value in giving back. It’s something he wants to do since being involved with the mural effort in Haliburton. He hopes his story can inspire others, who may be facing similar challenges that he endured growing up in a small town with his four sisters, including Tashlin, an Olympian.

“We grew up with very little. We were poor. Haliburton is a beautiful place with cottages and lakes, but that’s not how I grew up. And I’ve come to learn that that’s not how many that live in Haliburton even now, grow up. And kudos to my mom because even though we didn’t have much, somehow she raised five kids who all went on to be great parents, excellent citizens, with careers. For anyone out there who is going through this right now, I say: hang in there. You can do it. It gets better. As hard as my childhood was, I would never change it. It made me the person that I am today. And I am comfortable in saying that I am one of the best in the world and I came from very little. And it’s because I came from very little, that I’m able to empathize with certain things and hopefully help others coming up,” he wrote in an email. “To others out there: If you can; give, give, give. It’s absolutely amazing what the littlest amount of giving can do for a child. Even a used pair of shoes gives confidence to a child. Don’t ask if they need help. Just find a way to discreetly have something show up at their door. When I was in college one of my sisters used to send me baked cookies once in a while. An aunt used to send a box every couple of years with some toiletries and stuff. These little bits of giving can provide that little bit of a pick-me-up that brings a little smile that day, that helps that kid keep pushing on.”

When it comes to being the best in the world, it does not have anything to do with football, he said.

“It’s a belief that I have and that I preach that we are all the best in the world at something. We just have to uncover what that is. It may be fishing. It may be driving a Ski-Doo. You may never know. Along the way in life we start to notice, or other people notice, (or some people never discover), what it is that we are the best in the world at. And it’s our choice what we do with it. But it takes a tremendous amount of digging to discover exactly what that is. We may have an idea that we are a pretty good writer, but with a lot of digging it may be that we discover that it is a very specific type of kids book that we are the best in the world at writing. Once you’ve discovered it or come close, you can be confident in saying that you are the best in the world at it,” he said.

His time in the pro ranks of the gridiron was brief.

Leaving football was a conscious decision for his health and for his professional future.

“Hey, I’m an engineer. I’m not dumb,” he said. “Football is very dangerous. That’s the first thing and it’s very cut throat.”

He adds as a defensive back he was used to hearing a lot of trash talking while covering wide receivers, who he said were the “mouthiest” players on the field. Second to them were the defensive backs. The coaches for both groups were also equally mouthy.

“What you would get was, ‘Be glad you got a job Williams!’ You get a lot of that kind of talk. It’s all fun and games, but at the same time it’s very real. Everybody there needs that cheque and a lot of these guys from the U.S. really need that cheque and they’ll really use that against you. They’ll cut you or threaten to cut you. So, [it was often], ‘Cut the Canadian. He’s not going to go and join another team somewhere else per se he’s going to be here. He’s not going to be flying back

and be out of town. I can call him two weeks later and get him back on the team,” he said.

He equated the treatment of players to being like a “piece of meat” and he even recounts leaving and then being asked to return, but with an increased salary.

With his academic background he didn’t have to rely solely on football to make money so left the game.

At the foundation of his strength are Christian tenets.

He said the Bible is his favourite book.

“I really believe in honesty. I really believe in doing things the proper way. We grew up as a very religious family. I think honesty and integrity and some of the principles that are taught in the bible ... at the end of the day you got to have some basis and morals for anything you do and there’s no book better than that,” he said.

Coincidentally, football wasn’t a passion for Williams growing up, who always liked basketball and track and field more. It came down to the odds for success that seemed to embolden his decision to play on the gridiron.

With 53 roster spots for a CFL team compared to 15 for an NBA basketball team, the law of averages to make a professional team was better. He actually loved basketball more than football.

It took some encouragement from one of his football coaches at Waterloo, who noticed CFL scouts watching him

play, to put a tape together so his skills could be documented for the CFL draft. Playing professionally just wasn’t part of his reality until then.

“Football was never a dream of mine. And it wasn’t until even my – three years of football at Waterloo – it was my last year of football my coach said, ‘Hey, there are some scouts here looking to come and see other players, a running back, but everybody keeps asking about, ‘Hey, who’s that guy there?’ And he said you should probably put together a little highlight reel together because maybe you might get drafted. And we did that.’ It was from that point there where I started to dream about playing professional football. You know, making the big play. Making the big interception, or doing this, or doing that. I never really did that as a kid. I missed out on that,” he said. “It’s nice to be able to dream and I know I didn’t have those representations when I was growing up in Haliburton. For example, that is what those murals can bring, or any sort of recognition in Haliburton to definitely for other Black kids, minorities, Asian, Indian, Indigenous ... it could be even just poor people to understand, you know what even if you don’t come from a lot ... believe in your self. Keep plugging away. Just keeping doing what you can do. Differentiate yourself from other people and keep working hard and there’s a chance that you can be anything you put your mind to,” he said.



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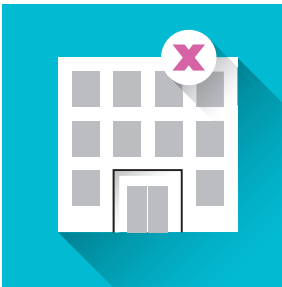
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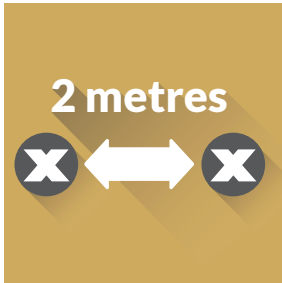
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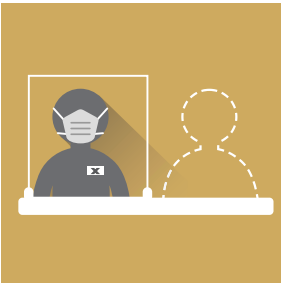
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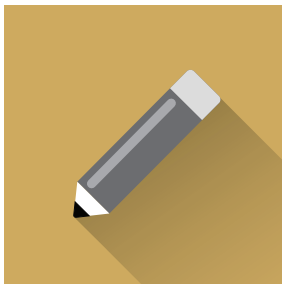


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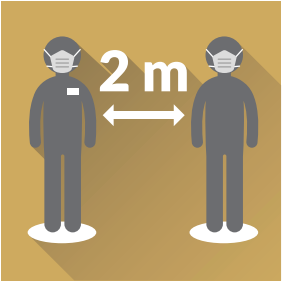
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Complexity of the new regulations might cause some people to quit moose hunting.



Controversy comes with moose regulations

by STEVE GALEA
Special to the Times

Ontario's new moose hunting regulations will take effect this year – and, as you would expect when the changes are so comprehensive, not everyone is happy.

The new regulations were developed, according to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, after a public consultation period in 2019. The Moose Management Review, conducted by Ontario's Big Game Management Advisory Committee, set out to hear from moose hunters across Ontario in order to make recommendations to the MNRF.

Upon receiving those recommendations, the MNRF went to work doing an overhaul of moose regulations. The hope was to improve moose management in order to bolster waning moose populations in some areas, and to provide a fairer system of moose tag allocations for resident hunters.

Ontario is a huge province with diverse moose habitats, hunting opportunities and traditions. What is welcome in one area might not be in another.

Here in Haliburton County, Keith Hodgson and Kim Roberts, who have both been moose hunters in excess of 40 years each, have major concerns with the new regulations. And, an informal survey of local moose hunters, indicates they are not alone.

Their first concern is that the system is too complex.

"It's going to take a few years before most moose hunting group captains understand the system," said Hodgson.

Roberts added, "The process they implemented is very technical, because it has so many steps." (In fact, there are 18 pages "summarizing" moose hunting regulations in the 2021 Hunting Regulations

Summary. Much of that explains new regulations. Other pages direct moose hunters to two web pages that help explain the process further.)

Roberts explained that, in order for groups to have tags each year, and in order for a group not to overharvest moose on the properties they hunt, a group will need to think and plan more strategically, and for the long term.

"Each group is going to need to have someone who coordinates the effort and makes sure members of their hunting party apply for the right tags and apply with the right points for the proper tag selection for the hunting party to remain sustainable," she said.

The point system is at the heart of the new regulations. Tags are allocated on a point-based system, starting this year. The system awards a hunter one point for each year they applied for an adult tag unsuccessfully since last receiving one or since they began applying if they have never received one.

In this inaugural season, points are calculated based on the hunter's draw history from 1993 to 2020. Starting this year, bull, cow/calf or calf tags in each Wildlife Management Unit are awarded to the hunters with the highest points applying for them. Once the hunter applying is successful in getting the tag they want, their points revert to zero and they must build them up again. Likewise, a hunter who applies for a tag and is not awarded one, accumulates one additional point making the odds of success greater next year. This is meant to ensure, that in the long term, everyone eventually will find themselves with enough points to successfully draw a tag. That part appeals to hunters who have applied for many years for an adult tag without getting one.

But, as Roberts says, just because your group has five hunters with enough points for tags, doesn't mean you should use them all in one season. Otherwise, next season your group might

find itself with many hunters with inadequate point scores and without any tags. The idea is to always try to keep at least one high point hunter in reserve for next season, so you the group always has a least one tag a season.

Hodgson also worries that the complexity of the new regulations might cause some people to quit moose hunting, and says he already knows someone who has.

"It [the new system] is put forth poorly," he said.

Roberts also says, in her experience, initially the phone-in system to determine draw success was unnecessarily complex and difficult to follow.

Aside from what they believe to be a confusing implementation, both feel the new system might actually hurt moose hunting revenues in Ontario.

"One reason the point system was brought in was because there were too many individual hunters complaining they didn't get tags," Roberts said. "But at least, in the old system, they always had a calf tag. Now, once they successfully apply for a tag, they are back down to zero points and it might take a lot of years before they get another adult or calf tag. So they either have to join a group and pay money to support the camp, and hunt in a way that they are not used to, or they might choose to hunt in a province where moose and tags are more plentiful. Or not hunt at all."

Also, people who are unsuccessful in their tag application will not buy licences that year, if they cannot find a party willing to accept them. Also new moose hunters will have to join an established party or apply for many years before they are eligible for tags – again, making the out of province option more appealing.

Likewise, she says, others who are intimidated by the new system, might quit altogether or visit places where moose are plentiful, and hunting is less complicated. In both case, she notes, moose hunting revenues will suffer.

Both also worry about how the system will affect hunt camps. "If a hunt camp goes a year or two without any tags

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OHTO marketing campaign includes local musical duo

by GRACE OBORNE
Times Staff

Earlier this summer, the Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO) launched a campaign to promote local tourism and support area businesses.

The campaign consisted of a video series shared to social media that featured stories on seven locals, describing their personal connections to the area.

Nick Russell and Benton Brown, Haliburton-based musicians were the focus of the series' second video.

"We were very fortunate to be selected as one of the seven locals. We spent three days with a really great crew in Haliburton, sort of filming what Benton and I do every weekend, so we did a gig, we went to the cafe, we went out to dinner, and did some interview time. They [OHTO] took it back and edited a really beautiful mini [documentary] that showcases not only our music, but just some gorgeous shots of the lakes and county of Haliburton," said Russell.

Russell and Brown have both grown up in Haliburton County and both attended Guelph University but growing up, they didn't know each other very well.

"We didn't really know each other too well. We knew each other a little bit in high school and in university, but we were never super close, because we were in different worlds because we were different ages as

well," said Brown.

It wasn't until a few years ago, in 2019, when Russell and his family moved back to Haliburton and Brown invited them over for dinner. It was that night, at dinner, where the duo officially decided to become a duo.

"Benton knew that we were a young family moving back to the area, so he kindly invited us over to his place for dinner. We brought our one-year-old at the time, and had a really great dinner. Benton, at that time, brought out a guitar and said, 'Let's play a tune.' So we just very naturally sat down and started playing a bit of a blues and we actually ended up writing our first blues song that night," Russell said.

"Nick loves improvising with his guitar, and I love to improvise with my voice, so this blending of two different worlds, where we're both kind of masters of our own domain, just fit naturally," said Brown.

Shortly after realizing their talent as a duo band, Russell and Brown created a platform for live music in the cottage country, which they call Bonfire Sessions. Bonfire sessions is where people can hire them to come to their personal properties in the Highlands area and they bring a concert to their dock or bonfire.

"It is a cool thing and I think it's what has helped our success so far. It's our platform that we created, in which people can hear us. A lot of musical groups stick to going to play the same bars, but for us, this idea of creating the venue to be at home, has really allowed people to really get into it. Everybody loves

to host a party on the lake or their home, and we'll come in to take that party up a notch," said Brown.

Asides from nature and art being inspirations for their music, to both Russel and Brown, family is the central inspiration and focus of their creativity.

"Family is a big part of what we do, and we're really fortunate where, we're musical partners, but we're also great buddies. So even when we're not creating music together, our families are often getting together for dinners or just to hang out. I think that, that vibrancy we experience in having a young family contributes to the liveliness of the music that people perceive when they're watching us play," said Russell.

"I would totally echo all Nick said. I also think that most musicians are absolutely influenced by other musicians and listening to the type of music that they're into. I can definitely relate to that from a vocalist perspective," added Brown.

Russell and Brown are a due, electric guitars voice that is described as a merging of soul pop and blues.

"The sound is just raw in a really nice way, in an interesting way. They're fun songs. They're songs that catch your attention and their songs that have a little bit of depth if you listen to them carefully. Sometimes they are easy to pass off as just a funky tune, but if you listen to the lyrics, there's some real depth to them. Our music definitely has layers of meaning to them," said Russell as he described their musical style.

Though the two have only been playing together for a few years, they've built unforgettable memories together over that time.

"Benton and I took days off from our regular schedule to travel to the city for a video shoot, and we just had such a great time while we were in the city that the video didn't turn

out that great. None of the footage worked out, and the performance wasn't good. We just partied for a couple days instead of doing what we should have been doing and so we came home empty handed, but it was the best time," Russell recalled.

"That memory stands out, but from a musical standpoint, we had a couple of the videos that we did this summer that have been really cool. We shot two amazing videos with Boshkung Brewery and Ontario Highlands that we're really proud of. These sort of extracurriculars that sort of complements the music that we're doing have been really special," added Brown.

Those living in the Highlands are encouraged to seek out Russell and Brown's work for the ultimate dockside concert.

"People can expect a very relaxed, laid back, but enjoyable entertainment experience. For Nick and I, part of the vibe that we create, or the fun and energy that we bring, is that we're just two nice guys that like meeting people, so we're very informal in our setup. We end up getting to know people and before long, we're playing their party every year, because we almost become part of their family," said Brown.

"We show up, have a couple of drinks with them, then play great music for them. People can just enjoy in a relaxed atmosphere in their home. People are so naturally relaxed, laid back and kickin' it at the cottage, so it's set up so perfectly for people to listen to music, to hang out and have a great time. We don't have to do much to get people into that mode because they're already there," Russell concluded.

For more information on Nick and Benton visit www.nickandbenton.com and follow their Instagram at [nickandbenton](https://www.instagram.com/nickandbenton) as they update frequently.

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New tag system favours northern lodge owners

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(since calf tags now also need to be applied for) people in that camp might abandon it. Why pay for all the upkeep, leases and dogs, if there is no chance of hunting?"

Hodgson says, "The old system in which, if you bought a licence, you had a calf tag, was better for private landowners, because you could always be certain of a hunt."

Roberts also has concerns that the Big Game Management Advisory Committee, which provided recommendations to the MNRF, was not representative of moose hunters province wide.

"When they implemented the roundtable, there was no real southern input, other than one Ontario Federation of Angler and Hunters biologist. There were no women. There was no broad spectrum of input," she said.

"This system," Hodgson maintains, "favours northern lodge owners." (Obtaining a moose tag from a tourist outfitter does not affect a hunter's points.)

Both feel that, though the old system wasn't perfect, it could have been improved with less disruption.

On the other hand, both also concede that there are good aspects of the new regulations.

They like, for instance, that it got rid of "ghost hunters." The term refers to non-participating hunters who would apply for

tags with no intention of joining a group. Rather, they simply applied for the tag in order t to improve a group's odds of getting a tag. And, if the ghost hunter was successful, they would transfer the tag to someone in the group. The new system has also banned tag transfers, unless for exceptional circumstances, which Hodgson and Roberts also approve of.

In the end, however, they believe the problem is not with the old system but rather with a lack of field staff and surveys by MNRF staff.

"I don't think they (the MNRF) have a good knowledge of the resource anymore," Hodgson said.

They point to what they characterize as poorly done aerial

surveys, lack of field staff, and lack of field work because of Covid.

"The biggest thing is that if they don't do the proper inventories no system will work," Hodgson said.

Asked if they felt the new system might eventually level the playing field in terms of tag allocations and possibly help moose numbers, both are unconvinced.

"We will have to wait until next year to see how this season went. It will be two or three years before we can determine if the new system is doing what it is supposed to do," Hodgson said.



Classic Friday night

John Dawson interacts with the audience at the Open Mic Night on Friday, Sept. 3 at the Dominion Hotel Pub in Minden. This event is held every first Friday of the month. /GRACE OBORNE Staff

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Born in Sweden, to parents originally from Estonia, Anu attended elementary school in Toronto, then secondary school in Brighton, Ontario. Teachers' College came next followed by a lengthy career as a dedicated teacher in the Toronto area.

In the 1990's the cottage on Lake Kushog, designed by her, and her long time partner, Wally Ozog (who she first met on a cross country ski club outing), became the focal point for her passion for hiking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, kayaking and involvement in many community activities.

Anu always loved to travel and explore different corners of the world. Most involved hiking or skiing, in Europe, Australia, New Zealand, South America, and across Canada from Newfoundland to British Columbia.

Pre-deceased by her parents, Ingel (Sarapuu) Lellep and Alfred Lellep, and brother Ain, the enthusiasm for life always exhibited by Anu will continue to be cherished by many, but especially by Wally, brother Lembit, niece Claire and sister-in-law Melanie.

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Joan Shirley Taylor (nee Ward)

Joan passed away peacefully at Frost Manor in Lindsay on Saturday August 28th, 2021 at the age of 89.

Beloved wife of the late Wayne Taylor and she is survived by her three children and spouses, Kim and Sue of Abbotsford BC, Jim of Edmonton, Sharon and Sylvain of Saint Zenon Quebec, and by 9 grandchildren, Robyn, Colleen, Trent, Stephane, Daniel, Kevin, Lisa, Jessica and Shanon as well as by 2 great grandchildren Britany and Alice. She is also survived by her beloved sister Winn Taylor.

In accordance with Joan's wishes, cremation has taken place and the family will hold a private service at a later date.

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County takes initiative to find solution Water level woes persist

After "circling around" the problem of fluctuating water levels in Haliburton County Lakes for more than a decade, County Council is planning to take steps of its own toward the only possible solution.

On behalf of the county, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey and Stanhope Reeve Harry Davis will be entering into discussions with the federal government in hopes of establishing a firm planning process for creating more reservoir capacity for the Trent Severn Waterway.

County Council, municipal councils, cottage associations and individual residents have been complaining about the poor management of Haliburton County lakes for at least 10 years. These complaints, though, have fallen on deaf ears with the federal government and authorities with the waterway.

Waterway's only concern is maintaining navigation

"Parks Canada or the Trent-Severn Waterway have only one mandate: keeping (the waterway) navigable all year," said Davis during last week's County Council meeting. "And they do it at our expense. They don't care if we have any water or not."

Davis is also the Chairman of the Haliburton Highlands Water Management Advisory Committee, which was set up to address concerns of local residents. His committee recently released its report on the 1987 operations of the waterway, which highlighted the need for increased reservoir capacity. "It is our belief that if capacity to store an additional 180,000 acre feet (of water) were to be provided, most problems of the residents of the Reservoir Lakes Area would be solved," the report concluded.

The fluctuating water levels in this county affect about 90 per cent of the residents, whether or not they live on a lake. Warden Bob McCausland said it

used to be that roads were the cause of most complaints from residents. Now it is the water levels, which of course, are not controlled by the municipi-

palities or the county.

For the second summer in a row, area lake levels have plummeted to new lows. When the lake levels sink, so do the water levels

in area wells. Hundreds of area residents with dug wells are counting the days until Thanksgiving, when the waterway shuts down for the winter and the wells

begin to fill again.

As far as the federal government and waterway officials are concerned, though, there are no problems. The existing reservoir storage is sufficient to meet the primary

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Lougheeds' dedication recognized



Rotary District 701 Governor Tom DeGeer, left, presents Val and Steve Lougheed with their commemorative plaque Thursday. Assisting with the presentation was Minden Rotary Club president Peter Bennett.

Steve and Valerie Lougheed have been named Rotary Club of Minden, Citizens of the Year. The presentation of the award was made Thursday night at a special meeting of the local service club.

In addition to a plaque marking the special honour, President of the Rotary Club, Peter Bennett, announced that a donation in the names of the Lougheeds would be made by the Rotary Club to the Five Counties Children Centre in Peterborough.

The meeting was told that the Lougheeds had been chosen for the honour because of their work over the past four years in organizing the Minden Sled Dog Derby. The couple was described as the driving force behind this annual event, which brings thousands of spectators to Minden's Main Street to take in the excitement of the race.

It was noted that the derby has grown over the years, a result of the careful guidance and drive of the two area residents.

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Earl Kent retires after 29 years

After 29 years as an employee of the Anson, Hindon and Minden townships Roads Department, 10 of which were spent as Superintendent, Earl Kent is retiring at the end of October. More than 100 friends and co-workers attended a special retire-

ment party held in his honour at the community centre on Saturday.

When Kent started work with the roads crew on October 18, 1959, things were quite different than today. "The roads are highways now, compared to what they were then," he

said. And the Roads Department equipment consisted of two trucks, an old tractor and a loader.

Winter is always a busy time for the road crew, but Kent says milder weather and better equipment have combined to make the job a little easier over the

years. He remembers during his first years on the job starting out at 7 a.m. on a Sunday morning to plow the roads and working straight through until 6 p.m. on Monday. This was not the normal practice, but it did happen occasionally when one of

the trucks was broken down during a storm.

In Kent's mind, there is no question that the winters are growing milder. During his first year on the job, he says there was so much snow in

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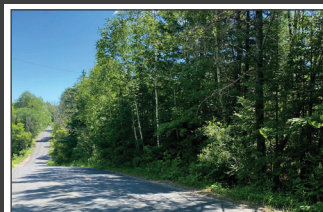
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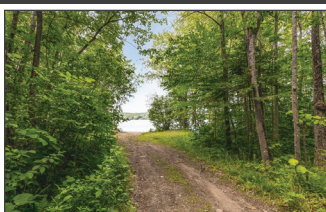
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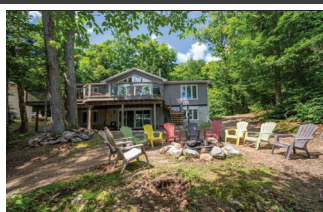
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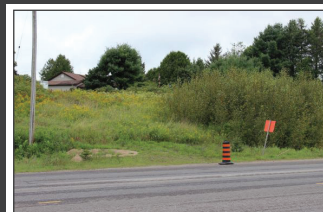
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